

EXHIBIT A

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RE: Tobin v. Gordon, et al. C.A. No. 04-1211 ***
Joint Proposed Scheduling Order and Consent to Jurisdiction of Magistrate

Dear Counsel:

As you know, Judge Thynge has lifted the stay, ordered a Rule 16 teleconference, and asked counsel to prepare a joint proposed scheduling order by December 4th for our above captioned case. Enclosed for your review is Plaintiff's draft proposed scheduling order with proposed dates. Please review and return this to me with your input by Tuesday, November 27th.

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In addition to the deadlines in the case, we also need to decide on its trial judge.

Plaintiff's lead counsel Thomas Neuberger informed me that in Reyes v. Freebery, C.A. No. 02-1283 SLR, all defense counsel agreed that consent to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate Judge was a good idea. Here too, Plaintiff's counsel is willing to consent to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate Judge as the trial judge in this case. Please confirm that Defendants are amenable to this as well.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



John M. LaRosa

Enclosures

cc: Thomas S. Neuberger, Esquire (via hand delivery, w/o enclosures)
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